Jackson County Housing to construct elderly housing and with the Jackson County Department on Aging to build access ramps for the disabled elderly. He was also an active member of the First Baptist Church of Sylva since 1965, where he often served as a Deacon.

I am proud to have had Mr. Farmer as a constituent. I extend my condolences to his family and offer my most sincere appreciation for his service to North Carolina.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

## HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Mr. McKEON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding Member priority requests received as part of H.R. 2996 the "Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010"

Requesting Member: Congressman How-ARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON

Bill Number: H.R. 2996, the "Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010"

Account: U.S. Forest Service, Land Acquisition

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Angeles National Forest

Address of Requesting Entity: 701 Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91006

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$500,000 for land acquisition in the Angeles National Forest. The acquisition of in holdings in Southern California's national forests has been identified as a priority in the state's wild-life action plan because the proximity of the forests to huge population centers puts them at high risk of development and presents significant dangers to the ecology of the region. Acquisition by the Angeles National Forest would protect the scenic values and ecological integrity of this significant in holding.

Requesting Member: Congressman Howard P. "Buck" McKeon

Bill Number: H.R. 2996, the "Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010"

Account: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), State Assistance Grant Program (STAG)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Palmdale, CA Water District

Address of Requesting Entity: 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, CA 93550

Description of Request: I requested and received a Member priority request totaling \$500,000 to replace 35,000 to 40,000 feet of rapidly deteriorating water pipelines and connections throughout the Palmdale area. This project would help conserve water otherwise lost to leakage, improve water quality, decrease maintenance costs for the District and its ratepayers, and create jobs. Additionally, these efforts would ease some of the local pressure to keep pace with reductions in water supply from the Colorado River and the State Water Project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks in H.R. 2647, The National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2010. H.R. 2647 contains \$8,700,000 for TFI—Upgrade DCGS Facilities (PRQE089032) in the Air Force, Military Construction account. This project is for Air National Guard at McConnell Air Force Base located at 57837 Coffeyville St., Kansas, 67221.

The funds will build an adequately sized and properly configured facility for personnel, equipment, and materials, for near-real time intelligence mission conducting the processing, exploitation, and dissemination of U-2, MQ-1 Predator, and RQ-4 Global Hawk sensor data around the world in support of warfighters by the growing 161st Intelligence Squadron of the new 184th Intelligence Group. Security features, high-capacity environmental control equipment, high-capacity secure fiber optics, and redundant power supplies are all prerequisites to accommodate the sophisticated Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) Operation Center. No matching funds are required for this military construction project.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Mr. FORBES. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2647, the National Defense Authorization Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman J

Bill Number: H.R. 2647

Account: Research and Development, Defense Wide, Joint Experimentation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Office of Commonwealth Preparedness, Commonwealth of Virginia

Address of Requesting Entity: Patrick Henry Building, 1111 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23218

Description of Request: Provides \$2,700,000 for a Tidewater Full-Scale Exercise, to enhance the Commonwealth of Virginia's interdiction, response and recovery capabilities to a WMD event through the conduct of a multi-agency, maritime Full-Scale Exercise, utilizing the experience and unique capabilities of the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Asymmetric Warfare (CAW) and Old Dominion University's Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center (VMASC).

Requesting Member: Congressman J RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 2647 Account: Military Construction Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Lee Address of Requesting Entity: 3901 A Avenue, Fort Lee, VA 23801

Description of Request: Provides \$5,000,000 in the Defense Access Road (DAR) Program which provides a means for the military to pay a share of the cost of public highway improvements necessary to mitigate an unusual impact of a defense activity. This project would fund a roundabout at Adams Avenue at a entrance to Fort Lee to alleviate traffic congestion and improve vehicular and pedestrian safety, following the installation's growth resulting from the 2005 BRAC Round.

HONORING THE 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF ROSALYN AND MURRAY KALISH

### HON. ROBERT WEXLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Mr. WEXLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 70th wedding anniversary of Rosalyn and Murray Kalish, a remarkable couple in my congressional district, whom I am proud to call my friends and who have been leaders and activists in our community for nearly three decades.

Roz and Murray, who met while attending Abraham Lincoln High School in Brooklyn, New York, both had the same last name and the same birth date of February 18th. They instantly became friends, went to their high school prom together, and continued dating until their wedding on June 24, 1939. They lived in Brooklyn, New York, and later moved to East Meadow before relocating to Delray Beach, Florida in 1980, and they are blessed with two children, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

After moving to South Florida, Murray founded the largest Democratic Club of Florida, the United South County Democratic Club, which currently has more than 2,000 members. Together, Roz and Murray have worked on behalf of so many in our community to deal with a range of issues, and it is through their advocacy that I established my friendship with them. As this friendship has grown over the years, their guidance on the needs and concerns of my constituents has grown ever more invaluable.

Madam Speaker, Roz and Murray are the true essence of community leaders. I know I speak not only for myself, but for my family and so many throughout South Florida in congratulating them on reaching this milestone. I wish Roz and Murray many more happy and healthy years together and thank them for having such an impact on my life and that of so many they have come to know.

HONORING THE HARPER J. RANSBERG YMCA FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

# HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Harper J. Ransburg YMCA for 50 years of service to the Indianapolis community.